



Division of Elementary and Secondary Education

Transforming Arkansas to lead the nation in student-focused education

Jacob Oliva
Secretary

Date: January 6, 2025

Stacy Smith
Deputy
Commissioner

Dear LEA and/or Agency Administrator,

**State Board of
Education**

The CAYSI Deafblind Program – Children and Youth with Sensory Impairments is asking you to review and update the students in your district who have previously been identified on the registry as having dual sensory impairments. The most recent data we have is in our database system. The deafblind census is required by the National Center on Deafblindness, which submits the data to the Office of Special Education Programs.

Dr. Sarah Moore
Stuttgart
Chair

Attached are the instructions to verify the data for each identified child and make any changes, additions, or deletions where appropriate. In accordance with Act 1181 of 2015, you are not required to complete the areas in the IDEA section. We will obtain that data from the December 1 child count.

Kathy Rollins
Springdale
Vice-Chair

Children do not have to be identified as DeafBlind as their primary disability on your December 1 Child Count for them to be determined as having dual sensory impairments for the purposes of this Project. For example, if a child is identified as having Multiple Disabilities (MD), an Intellectual Disability (ID), or a Vision or Hearing Impairment (VI, HI), the child may also have vision and hearing impairment combined and would qualify for our program. Or, in the case of a child in Part C who has a Developmental Delay (DD), the child may have or be at risk of having dual sensory impairment and would qualify.

Adrienne Woods
Rogers

Dr. Gary Arnold
Little Rock

Randy Henderson
Blytheville

If the child has moved to another district, please email the name of the receiving district and the date of transfer, so we can follow up with that district. For each child that the district believes may qualify as having combined hearing and vision loss and is not currently on the DeafBlind registry, or if a district is unsure about a child's eligibility, please get in touch with CAYSI staff who can review the child's information and assist in determining eligibility.

Lisa Hunter
White Hall

Jeff Wood
Little Rock

The updated form is due by February 21st, 2025.

Ken Bragg
Sheridan

Thank you for your assistance and prompt response to this request. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact the CAYSI team at 501-682-4222 or jennifer.greiman@ade.arkansas.gov.

Leigh Keener
Little Rock

Sincerely,

Dr. Jeff Adams
Director of Special Programs
Arkansas Department of Education

Stacey Tateca, M.S.E
CAYSI Project Director
Arkansas Department of Education